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—REQUEST FOR BID—

(This is not an order)
**BID MUST BE MADE ON THIS SHEET
 OR AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED**

NYS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
 Contract & Procurement Unit
 25 Beaver Street, R-850
 New York, NY 10004
 (Agency Name and Address)

Direct Inquiries to: Marie-Claude Ceppi or Jeff Casper
 E-mails: mceppi@nycourts.gov or jcasper@nycourts.gov

Bid Number: OCA/AS-234	Commodity Group:
Opening Date: 7/14/2017 Time: 3:00 pm Issue Date: 6/22/2017	Commodity Name: Lodging for Court Officers Trainees

Price to include delivery to (describe exact location and method of delivery) All prices to be net and inclusive of all services specified herein unless otherwise specified.

OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES "GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS" (DECEMBER 1998) ARE FULLY INCORPORATED HEREIN.

Agency's Specification of item(s) Required (include quantities) UCS ATTACHMENT I, III, and IV ATTACHED & INCORPORATED HEREIN.	Bidder's Quotation and Specific Description of Item Offered ALL BID RESPONSES <u>MUST</u> BE ENTERED ON THE ENCLOSED BID RESPONSE FORM UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE HEREIN.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Chief Administrator for the Courts, sealed bids for furnishing the item(s) in this Request for Bid will be received at the above address. When submitting a bid, you must:

1. Complete this form in its entirety using ink or typewriter and return with all other documents.
2. Explain any deviations or qualifications if your bid deviates from the specifications. If necessary, attach a separate sheet setting forth such explanations.

3. Sign the bid. The bid must be completed in the name of the bidder (corporate or other) and must be fully and properly executed by an authorized person.

4. INDICATE THE BID NUMBER, THE BID OPENING DATE AND TIME ON THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE SEALED BID.

5. Mail the bid to the above agency address in sufficient time for it to be received before the specified bid opening. **LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED.**

BIDDER HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE ABOVE QUOTED (OR OTHERWISE NOTED) PRICES ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS FOR COMPARABLE QUANTITIES, QUALITY, STYLES OR SERVICES.

BIDS MUST BE SIGNED

Bidder's Firm Name:		Employer's Federal Identification Number:	
Address Street		NYS Vendor ID Number:	
City	State	Zip	
Bidder's Signature		Official Title	
Printed or Typed Copy of Signature		Area Code/ Telephone Number E-mail:	

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DOCUMENT ENCLOSURE CHECKLIST

___ Bid Response Form **must be fully executed and included** in bidder's proposal. Failure to do so will immediately disqualify bidder's response.

The following documents must be fully executed and included in bidder's proposal. Failure to do so may disqualify bidder's response:

- ___ UCS Request for Bid/Proposal Form with original signature
- ___ Attachment I - Standard Request for Bid Clauses & Forms
 - p.3 - Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate
 - p.4 - Corporate Acknowledgment
- ___ Attachment II - Not Applicable
- ___ Attachment III - Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
 - questionnaire filed online via OSC VendRep System and certified within 6 months of the bid opening due date, or
 - paper questionnaire
- ___ Attachment IV - Procurement Lobbying forms
 - Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination (UCS 420)
 - Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement (UCS 421)
- ___ Certificates of NYS Worker's Compensation and NYS Disability Benefits Insurance, or Certificate of Attestation of Exemption. Please see paragraph "Insurance Requirements" for a list of accepted forms.
- ___ Copies of bidder's certificate(s) of insurance or other adequate proof evidencing the insurance coverages required by the bid specifications
- ___ Original bid response + three (3) complete copies
- ___ Signed Documents Enclosure Checklist

IMPORTANT:

To be complete, a bidder's bid response must include ALL the above documents. All documents requiring an original signature must bear the BLUE INK signature of the same authorized individual. The bid response form and the other forms listed above must all have the SAME COMPANY NAME AND TAX ID NUMBER in order for a purchase order or contract to be approved by the NYS Comptroller. Signatory notarization must be that of the person whose signature is affixed to all required documents.

I. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Purpose and Scope

The New York State Unified Court System (hereafter “UCS”) Office of Court Administration (hereafter “OCA”) is soliciting sealed bids to provide lodging for Court Officer Trainees. The lodging required is approximately sixty-three (63) double occupancy rooms, each for seventy-three (73) nights over the period from September 5, 2017 through December 21, 2017 as detailed in the “Required Lodging Dates Calendar” in section II hereof.

Term of Award

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 through December 21, 2017. See Required Lodging Dates Calendar for breakdown.

Quality of Facility

The facility’s location, design, furnishings, features, organization of space, cleanliness and professionalism of staff must be of the quality appropriate for NYS Unified Court System Court Officer instructors and trainees.

Site Visits

The UCS/OCA may conduct a site visit as part of its evaluation of bid responses to verify that bidder’s facility meets all the requirements stated in the general and detailed specifications.

The UCS/OCA may also conduct one or more site visits to the awarded vendor(s) during the term of lodging to ensure that the quality of services and the physical condition of the hotel/facility shall be the same or better at the time of performance as at the date of award.

Right of Cancellation

The UCS/OCA reserves the right to cancel any contract established with the awarded vendor if UCS/OCA determines that the quality of facility has deteriorated or that specified services are not being delivered.

Purchase Order(s)

The purchase order(s) or contract(s) issued to the awarded vendor(s) is/are subject to the approval of the Office of the NYS Comptroller.

Rates and Charges

All rates are to be quoted on a double occupancy per room basis and include any service charge. Please see Bid Response Form. Rates must be net of taxes as the UCS is tax exempt. The rates that bidder provides on the bid response form must include all charges associated with lodging and required amenities. No additional charges will be permitted.

Method of Award

Vendors may bid on any quantity of rooms up to sixty-three (63) rooms but must provide the full quantity of rooms bid on for all required dates. One or more purchase orders or contract(s) will be issued to the lowest dollar cost, responsible bidder or bidders. Lowest dollar cost is defined as the Total Cost for Lodging. For a definition of responsible bidder, see III. General Specifications, paragraph "Responsible Bidder."

Payments

The awarded vendor(s) must provide a master bill for all charges. Payment will be made by direct bill with payment due thirty (30) business days, not including legal holidays, from receipt of weekly invoices. No payment or deposit of any kind will be made in advance. UCS will not consider any bid responses that require advance payment or a deposit. In the event of late payment by UCS, vendor shall be entitled to interest as specified in Article XI-A of the State Finance Law.

Questions

Any and all questions bidders may have in connection with this solicitation are to be directed by email only to:

Jeff Casper
Jcasper@nycourts.gov
and
Marie-Claude Ceppi
mceppi@nycourts.gov

Please indicate in "Subject" field: RFB# OCA/AS-234 Question(s)
The deadline to submit questions is June 29, 2017 before 5:00 pm. No questions will be

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entertained after this deadline. A written Questions & Answers (Q&A) listing all questions received and their answers will be posted on the UCS website at www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids in the Addenda column for the appropriate solicitation and mailed to the bidders list promptly after this deadline.

IMPORTANT: All questions regarding this solicitation must be in writing and directed solely to the attention of the above-designated persons. Contact by any prospective bidder, or any representative thereof, with any other personnel of the UCS in connection with this RFB/RFP may violate the Procurement Lobbying Act of 2005 (see Attachment IV), will jeopardize the respective bidder's standing and may cause rejection of its proposal.

Packaging, Identifying and Delivering of Bids/Proposals

Bids/Proposals must be **clearly addressed and submitted to:**

Jeff Casper
NYS Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street, R-840
New York, NY 10004

All envelopes must also be labeled with the following information on two sides:

“Deliver immediately to Jeff Casper R-840”
“Sealed bid - Do not open”
”RFB# OCA/AS-234 due July 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.”.

Failure to seal and mark the bid/proposal as prescribed may result in non-delivery and/or rejection of the bid/proposal. Please note that bids/proposals must be received by the above-named OCA-designated person on July 14, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the latest or bids will be declared a “late bid” and they will be disqualified. It is recommended that bidders allow several extra days for shipping in order to meet the deadline.

No-Bid Letters

Bidders are requested to send a no-bid letter to OCA, Attn: Jeff Casper, at the above address, should they decide not to answer this solicitation. The envelope shall be clearly marked in the lower left corner as follows: RFB# OCA/AS-234. Bidders may submit a No-Bid letter by email to Jeff Casper at jcasper@nycourts.gov.

Bidder's Contact Information

Bidders shall provide in their bid response the name, phone number and email address of the person who will be responsible for the UCS account.

II. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Location

The Lodging Facility must be located within a 20 mile radius of 2500 Pond View, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033.

Lodging

Approximately 63 double occupancy rooms are required for a total of seventy-three (73) nights on the following dates:

Check-in dates (afternoon arrival)	Check-out dates (morning departure)	Number of nights
Tues 9/5/17	Fri 9/8/17	3
Sun 9/10	Fri 9/15	5
Sun 9/17	Fri 9/22	5
Sun 9/24	Fri 9/29	5
Sun 10/1	Fri 10/6	5
Mon 10/9	Fri 10/13	4
Sun 10/15	Fri 10/20	5
Sun 10/22	Fri 10/27	5
Sun 10/29	Fri 11/3	5
Sun 11/5	Mon 11/6	1
Tues 11/7	Thurs 11/9	2
Sun 11/12	Fri 11/17	5
Sun 11/19	Wed 11/22	3
Thurs 11/23	Fri 11/24	1
Sun 11/26	Fri 12/1	5
Sun 12/3	Fri 12/8	5
Sun 12/10	Fri 12/15	5
Sun 12/17	Fri 12/21	4
Total nights		73

Total nights needed per room = 73

UCSOCA shall have the right to reduce the total number of room nights awarded to any bidder by up to 20% without penalty.

All rooms must include the following:

Double Occupancy
Independent Climate Control
Microwave
Refrigerator
Iron
Hair Dryer
Internet Access in each room. (Wifi or Ethernet Connection)

Facility Must Have the Following Amenities Onsite:

Fitness Center (Treadmill)
Business Center (Computer access with printer)
Laundry Facility (Washer & Dryer)
Free Parking

Lodging Services Must Include:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast
Beds made daily
Fresh linens twice a week
Fresh towels each day
24 HR contact to the General Manager in case of emergency
24 HR access for the Academy staff to conduct room checks and inspections

Program Coordination

Bidder shall designate one 24 hour staff contact to handle any issues that may arise.

III. The RFB/RFP PROCESS: GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Note to Bidders

1. Attachment I - Standard Request for Bid Clauses & Forms and Attachment IV - Procurement Lobbying Law required forms

In addition to such other specifications and criteria as are presented herein, the NYS Unified Court System Attachment I - Standard Request for Bid Clauses & Forms , and Attachment IV - Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination (UCS 420) and Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement (UCS 421) pursuant to the Procurement Lobbying Act, which must be downloaded or printed from the UCS Contract & Procurement website under "Addenda" for the appropriate solicitation, are incorporated and made a part of this solicitation.

2. Attachment III - Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire

The NYS Unified Court System (UCS) is required to conduct a review of a prospective contractor to provide reasonable assurances that the vendor is responsible. The required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire is designed to provide information to assist UCS in assessing a vendor's responsibility prior to entering into a contract with the vendor. Vendor responsibility is determined by a review of each prospective contractor's legal authority to do business in New York State, business integrity, financial and organizational resources, and performance history (including references).

The UCS recommends that vendors file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. However, vendors may choose to complete a paper questionnaire and submit it with their proposal.

Online Questionnaire: To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/index.htm> or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us/Enrollment/login>. Vendors must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling (see paragraph headed 'New York State Vendor File Registration' for instructions on obtaining a Vendor Identification Number.) For VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ITServiceDesk@osc.state.ny.us.

Bidders who file the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the OSC VendRep System are requested to checkmark the appropriate box on the Document Enclosure Checklist. Please note that online submissions must be certified and dated/updated not more than six (6) months prior to the bid opening date of this RFB/RFP. Bidders' authorized signature of the RFB/RFP form will serve as confirmation that bidders have knowingly filed their questionnaire online if the paper questionnaire is not included with the bidder's submission.

Paper Questionnaire: Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/forms_vendor.htm or may contact the UCS or the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.

3. New York State Vendor File Registration

Prior to being awarded a contract pursuant to this solicitation, the bidder(s) must be registered in the New York State Vendor File (Vendor File) administered by the OSC. This is a central registry for all vendors who do business with New York State agencies and the registration must be initiated by a State agency. Following the initial registration, a unique New York State ten-digit vendor identification number (Vendor ID) will be assigned to vendors for usage on all future transactions with New York State. Additionally, the Vendor File enables vendors to use the Vendor Self-Service application to manage certain vendor information in one central location for all transactions related to the State of New York.

If the bidder is already registered in the Vendor File, the vendor must enter the vendor's ten-digit Vendor ID on the first page of this bid document.

If the bidder is not currently registered in the Vendor File, upon award of a contract the Bidder must complete the OSC Substitute W-9 Form (http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237s_fe.pdf) and submit the form to UCS. **The UCS will initiate the vendor registration process** for the awarded contractor. Once the process is initiated, awarded contractor will receive an e-mail identifying their unique ten-digit Vendor ID and instructions on how to enroll in the online Vendor Self-Service application. For more information on the Vendor File please visit the following website: http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendor_management/.

Online RFB/RFP Package: Disclaimer

Bidders accessing any UCS/UCS/OCA solicitations and related documents from the New York State UCS website www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids under "Current Solicitations" shall remain solely and wholly responsible for reviewing the respective solicitation & bid documents on the internet regularly, up to the scheduled date and time of the bid/proposal due date, to ensure their knowledge of any amendments, addenda, modifications or other information affecting the solicitation or bid documents in question.

Bid Response/Proposal: Original and Copies

Bidders shall submit all the following required **original RFB/RFP documents**: Bid/Proposal;

Executed RFB/RFP Form; Attachment I - pages 3, 4, of 10; Attachment III - Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (questionnaire may be filed electronically with OSC); Attachment IV - Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations UCS 420 and Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement UCS 421; proof of Workers' Compensation and Disability Benefits insurance coverage (See "Insurance Requirements"); and any other required documentation, brochures, etc. listed on the Document Enclosure Checklist. Complete the paperwork on the forms provided with this solicitation unless otherwise requested. Do not retype or amend any portion of this solicitation. Failure to provide all original documents and the requested number of copies may result in disqualification of a bidder's response.

NYS OGS General Specifications

New York State Office of General Services (NYSOGS) General Specifications (May 2015) are incorporated herein by reference, except to the extent any provision thereof is not applicable to UCS. Any reference in the NYSOGS General Specifications to 'Commissioner' shall be deemed to refer to the Chief Administrator of the Courts or the designee of the Chief Administrator. In the event of any conflict or express or implied ambiguity between this solicitation document, including attachments hereto, and the NYSOGS General Specifications, this solicitation document shall take precedence. The NYSOGS General Specifications are available at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/spg/pdfdocs/CL815.pdf>.

Binding Nature of Bid/Proposal on Bidders

All bids/proposals shall remain binding on bidders until such time as UCS/OCA provides written notification of its intent to award the contract to a specific bidder or until the bidder withdraws its bid/proposal in writing, whichever occurs first.

Estimated Quantities

Any quantities specified in this solicitation constitute estimates only, and accordingly no commitment or guarantee to reach any specified volume of business is made or implied.

Compliance with Laws

Awarded contractor(s) must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, fire, health and safety codes, prior to and during the provision of all services under the contract resulting from this RFB/RFP.

Independent Contractor Status

It is expressly understood and agreed that the awarded contractor's status shall be that of an independent provider of services and that no officer, employee, servant or subcontractor of the contractor is an employee of the UCS, OCA or State of New York. The awarded contractor shall be solely responsible for the work, assignment, compensation, benefits and personal conduct and standards of all such persons assigned to the provision of services. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any liability or duty on the UCS, OCA or State of New York to persons, firms, consultants or corporations employed or engaged by the awarded contractor either directly or indirectly in any capacity whatsoever, nor shall the UCS, OCA or State of New York be liable for any acts, omissions, liabilities, obligations or taxes of any nature including, but not limited to, unemployment and Workers' Compensation insurance of the awarded contractor or any of its employees or subcontractors.

Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals

UCS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or bids submitted in response to this solicitation. In addition, UCS may reject any bids/proposals from any bidders who are in arrears to the State of New York upon any debt or performance of any contract; or who have previously defaulted on any contractual obligations, (as contracting party, surety or otherwise), or on any obligation to the State of New York; or who have been declared not responsible or disqualified by any agency of the State of New York, who have any proceeding pending against them relating to the responsibility or qualification of the bidders to receive public contracts, whose proposal is incomplete or otherwise non-responsive in any material respect, or who are found to be non-responsible based on any of the criteria specified in the section headed 'Responsible Bidder'.

UCS also reserves the right to reject any bidder: (i) whose facilities and/or resources are, in the opinion of OCA, inadequate, too remote from the UCS locations to render services in a timely manner in accordance with all requirements of this solicitation; (ii) who does not provide references in accordance with the bid specifications, or whose references report significant failure to comply with specifications; or (iii) who are otherwise, in the opinion of OCA, unable to meet specifications.

Responsible Bidder

A bidder shall be defined as "responsible" in accordance with, but not limited to, references, past performance history, financial stability, the criteria set forth in paragraph 2 of the General Specifications (Attachment III-Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire), and the criteria set forth in the paragraph headed "Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals" as well as any other criteria necessary and reasonable to establish the bidder's responsibility.

Clarification/Correction of Bids/Proposals

In addition to any rights articulated elsewhere in this solicitation, UCS reserves the right to require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of a bidder's proposal and/or to determine a bidder's compliance with the requirements of this solicitation. This clarifying information, if required in writing by UCS, must be submitted by the bidder, in accordance with formats as prescribed by UCS at the time said information is requested and, if received by the due date set forth in UCS's request for clarification, shall be included as a formal part of the bidder's proposal. Clarifying information, if any, whether provided orally, visually or in writing will be considered in the evaluation process. Failure to provide required information by its associated due date may result in rejection of the bidder's proposal. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon UCS to seek or allow clarifications or corrections as provided for herein.

References

Each bidder must provide at least three (3) references, other than UCS, including the company/agency name, complete address, contact name, title, telephone number and email address, for whom the bidder has provided similar services at any time during the past three (3) years.

Indemnity

Awarded contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless UCS, its officers and employees from and against any and all claims, causes of action, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses of any kind (including reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of legal defense) which UCS may incur by reason of: (i) awarded contractor's breach of any term, provision, covenant, representation or warranty contained in the contract awarded as a result of this bid; (ii) any act, omission, negligence or intentional misconduct of awarded contractor or its employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers or of other persons under its direction and control; (iii) awarded contractor's performance or failure to perform under the contract; and (iv) enforcement by UCS of the awarded contract or any provisions thereof.

Unified Court System Self-Insurance

UCS, a New York State governmental entity, is self-retained for risk of loss and liability.

Insurance Requirements

Awarded contractor shall be required to maintain during the term of the contract, including any renewal terms, at their own cost and expense:

1. Workers' compensation and disability benefit insurance coverage as required under NYS law. **Each vendor must provide with its proposal proof of such workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage or, if it is legally exempt from such coverage, proof of exemption.** Vendor must obtain the appropriate Workers Compensation Board forms from its insurance carrier or licensed agent, or must follow the procedures set forth by the Workers' Compensation Board for obtaining an exemption from coverage. See Workers' Compensation Board website at <http://www.wcb.ny.gov> under "Forms" for a manual listing required forms and procedures. Any questions regarding workers' compensation coverage requirements or debarments should be directed to:

Workers' Compensation Board
Bureau of Compliance
(518) 462-8882
(866) 298-7830

Only the following forms will be accepted:

Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage

- **Form C-105.2** - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers; or
- **Form U-26.3** issued by the State Insurance Fund; or
- **Form SI-12** - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or
- **Form GSI-105.2** - Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or
- **Form CE-200** - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.
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Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage

- **Form DB-120.1** - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance, or
- **Form DB-155** - Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- **Form CE-200** - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

On forms that have a space for a certificate holder to be listed, the carrier must enter:

NYS Unified Court System
Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street, Room 850
New York, NY 10004

The insurance carrier will notify the certificate holder if a policy is canceled.

Please note: An ACORD Certificate of Insurance is not acceptable proof of NYS workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage. For additional information regarding worker's compensation and disability benefits requirements, please refer to the New York State Workers' Compensation Board website at: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov> under "Employers/Businesses."

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance (bodily injury and property damage on an occurrence basis), contractual and products/completed operations liability coverage, and auto liability with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1 million, per occurrence, \$2million, aggregate
Personal Injury and Advertising:	\$1 million aggregate
Contractual and Products/ Completed Operations	\$2 million aggregate
Auto Liability, Combined single limits	\$1 million

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage shall be obtained from commercial insurance carriers licensed to do business in the State of New York.

Confidentiality

Bidder acknowledges that any and all information, records, files, documents or reports contained in any media format provided to the bidder by the court, or which may be otherwise encountered by bidder shall be considered extremely confidential and shall be handled accordingly at all times. Neither the bidder nor any of its employees, servants, Contractors, agents or volunteers shall at any time be permitted to utilize such confidential information for any purpose outside the scope of any resulting agreement without the express prior written authorization of UCS. Any breach of this confidentiality by the bidder or by any of its employees, servants, subcontractors, agents, or volunteers may result in the immediate termination of any resulting agreement by UCS and may subject the bidder to further penalties.

Awarded Contractor shall use, and require its employees and authorized agents to use, at least the degree of care a reasonably prudent person would use to protect and prevent improper access to the records.

Confidential/Proprietary Information

If applicable, bidders should specifically identify those portions of the proposal deemed to contain confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets, and must provide justification why such material, upon request, should not be disclosed to parties other than UCS. Bidders are

advised that any material deemed confidential by bidder may still be subject to disclosure in connection with any governmental or judicial proceeding or inquiry or as may be required by applicable law, including but not limited to Article 6 of the New York Public Officers Law (Freedom of Information Law). Such confidential/proprietary information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

Financial Stability

Upon request by UCS, bidder shall provide its audited financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the past three (3) consecutive years and a copy of its last three (3) annual reports.

Termination

Early termination of the contract for cause may result in, among other consequences, all remedies available to UCS and New York State, the awarded contractor both being declared non-responsible by the UCS/UCS/OCA, pursuant to the UCS and Office of the State Comptroller's guidelines on vendor responsibility and in the contractor's removal from the UCS/UCS/OCA's bidders list for future solicitations.

Implied Requirements

Products and services that are not specifically requested in this solicitation, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities proposed by the bidder, shall be included in the offer except as specified herein.

Silence of the Specifications

The apparent silence of the specifications contained as part of this package as to any detail or to the apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

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